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Timely Tidbits ...

District Reschedules Kindergarten Roundup

Since all District buildings were closed on Monday, February 5, due to dangerously frigid temperatures, the Romulus Community Schools has rescheduled its annual Kindergarten Roundup for Tuesday, February 13.

Parents who enroll their eligible child (age five as of December 1, 2007) at their neighborhood elementary on Roundup day will be *guaranteed* the opportunity to place him/her in an all-day/every-day kindergarten class.

Each of the District's six elementary schools will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Roundup day to process enrollment applications. Those who can't attend the one-day Roundup can register their child any other school day during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Barth and Merriman; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cory, Halecreek, Romulus, and Wick), but should be aware that the District cannot guarantee all-day/every-day kindergarten for students enrolled after February 22.

Out-district families that would like to attend Romulus schools should note that "school of choice" opportunities will be available at Cory, Halecreek, and Merriman.

For more information, please call Barth (734-532-1250), Cory (532-1300), Halecreek (532-1350), Merriman (532-1400), Romulus (532-1450), or Wick (532-1500).

Post Office Thanks Phone Card Donors

Postmaster Karen Hicks and her staff at the Romulus Post Office would like to thank the many local residents and business people who donated phone cards (or cash for cards) to send to hospitalized American soldiers in time for the 2006 holiday season.

The community's generous donations funded 37,000 minutes in phone cards for servicemen/-women in the Brooke Army Medical Center burn unit at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. □

Board Approves RHS Curriculum Changes

The Romulus Community Schools Board of Education recently approved a number of curriculum changes for Romulus High School to bring the District into compliance with new state requirements signed into law last spring. The law will not impact current high-school students; rather, the first to be affected will be those in the Class of 2011 (current eighth-graders).

According to District spokesperson Dick Kruse, the new State rules require students to complete a minimum number of credits in several different subject areas.

In math, for example, all students must take (and pass) Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II, as well as a fourth math-related class such as trigonometry, precalculus, calculus, statistics, accounting, or business math (dependent on future RHS course offerings). Students will be able to take Algebra I in the eighth grade, if they wish, and will receive high-school credit for the class, but their marks will not be included in their RHS career grade point average.

Superintendent Carl J. Weiss told Board members that students will also be able to take math support classes, if necessary.

"We feel that this will help meet the needs of some of our students in the Geometry and Algebra II classes," he explained.

Michigan's new four-credit math minimum exceeds the District's current requirements by one credit.



Romulus High School department heads who attended the January 8 Board of Education meeting to report on curriculum changes mandated by the State of Michigan included: (from left) Paul Niedermeyer (science), Serena Kessler (language arts), Thalia Swint (business and technology), Florence Satterlee (counseling), and Suzanne Snyder (special education).

In the area of language arts, the District will not have to raise its current minimum of four credits, but it will have to adjust course content to reflect the State's newly established expectations. Reading, in particular, will be emphasized, said Kruse, since one section of the new Michigan Merit Exam will require students to read passages at 250 words per minute, then answer questions based on what they read.

Science requirements will increase

from 2.5 to 3 credits, which must include biology, chemistry, or physics. RHS Science Department head Paul Niedermeyer told Board members that course offerings will feature a class called "physical science," which will be a combination of physics and chemistry. Students will also get to choose from among subjects like forensics, astronomy, earth science, geology, and physiology – again, depending upon course offerings.

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District Approves "Limited School of Choice" Program for Cory

At its regular meeting of January 22, the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education unanimously approved the inclusion of Cory Elementary in the District's "limited schools of choice" plan for the 2007–2008 school year. Cory will join the District's current "choice" schools, Halecreek and Merriman, under a plan that will permit the enrollment of up to five nonresident students per grade at each of the three elementary schools.

"Our 'schools of choice' program at Halecreek and Merriman added over \$230,000 in revenue to the District, and enabled us to eliminate several split classes," noted Carl J. Weiss, superintendent. "Adding Cory to the plan will give us a 'school of choice' on the north

side of town, and will help us better utilize our facilities."

District spokesperson Dick Kruse added that the Cory 'choice' program will enable children from Rudgate subdivision, located in the northwest corner of Romulus, to attend a school within their city of residence.

"Over the years, we have had many phone calls from Rudgate residents who grew up in Romulus and want their children to attend Romulus schools, but we were not able to accommodate them because Rudgate is part of the Wayne–Westland school district," he explained.

A majority of the "choice" students currently attending Halecreek and Merriman schools are also Romulus residents, coming from the southeastern

corner of the city that lies in the Woodhaven school district, or are residents of neighboring Taylor. Halecreek principal Kellie Knight, who attended the Board meeting, reported that her school's 30 "choice" students are doing fine, and described the students' parents as "very cooperative."

Superintendent Weiss – who assured the Board that "we are going slowly into the 'schools of choice' program" – concluded his presentation by stating that Cory's addition into the program will help the District with its budget development process for next year, and added that the law does allow the District to accept more than five students per class if a larger number apply for enrollment. □

Guest Commentary

New Resident Pleased by Community's Welcome

Editor's note: Because he wants to share his positive experience with those who live in Romulus or are considering a move here, new resident James Salamay has asked us to reprint the following letter, dated February 8, 2007.

Dear Mayor Lambert,

I am a new resident of Romulus who has just purchased a home in this great city. I am writing to let you know about my experience of moving to town.

First of all, let me tell you that the residents of this city were far more welcoming than I expected.

I truly appreciate the help of the ladies in the Assessor's Office. Yes, that's right! When I started my search for a new home, I was looking at homes in various cities and verifying things such as taxes. Well, when I contacted the Romulus Assessor's Office, I was met with warmth and helpfulness by Dawn and Linda. These ladies had nothing but good things to say about the City, and highly recommended that I choose Romulus as my new home town and as the place for me to raise my family. That made a very positive impression – and, of course, after months of house searching, I did make Romulus my choice.

Once I found the right house, I met with neighbors and found everybody to be very welcoming and kind. I was happy to meet such nice people!

As the paperwork was completed and I took ownership of my new home, the hard work of remodeling my new house began. I had a deadline to meet, so I spent countless hours remodeling the bathrooms, repairing walls, replacing the furnace, replacing all the flooring, repainting, etc. I only had about three weeks to finish this large task at hand, plus I had to get everything approved by the City inspectors.

On inspection day, I found the inspectors to be very supportive, welcoming, and helpful. My only sour note through this whole experience was with only one inspector in particular, who had no appreciation for all the hard work that was done. He was quite negative towards me, and would not give me an approval, even though the items he had issues with (such as caulking and the fact that there was a double trap on a drain in the basement) were completed that afternoon. That ordeal delayed me by a week, and because of deadlines that I had to meet, the additional week was a very costly one (storage, hotel fees, etc.) for me.

Anyhow, all in all, I found most of the City workers – including those in the Building & Safety, Public Works, Water

Department, and Treasurer's offices, the Assessor's Office, and even the Economic Development Department – were helpful in answering my questions. Out of all the City workers I encountered in person, and even over the phone, most everybody was very pleasant and helpful. The only people who need a little help in the hospitality department (other than the above-mentioned inspector) were one of the front office workers at the Building Department and the receptionist in your office. I think that three people out of the countless number of Romulus City workers I've encountered is not enough to put a damper on my very positive experience of moving here.

As for the residents and business owners in Romulus ... I give them "two thumbs up." Everybody throughout the City was very warm and welcoming. I find that positive attitude to be extremely important, considering that Romulus is the "Gateway to the World," and people from all over the globe base their Michigan and/or American experience on what they encounter from those who live and work in this city.

I'd like to thank those who have welcomed me and my family. People such as the workers at Stears Hardware were very kind and helpful, as were the people I encountered when I called local newspapers, pizzerias, and restaurants. I was reluctant to seek out a new barber because I had been going to a barber in Livonia for years, and every barber since had never compared ... until I met Dave (Dave's Barber Shop), and WOW was I impressed. On the day that I visited his shop, I started to make my way to find St. Aloysius Church (which has a very welcoming congregation, by the way). Shortly after I left, I found out the hard way that my gas gauge was broken, and I was out of fuel. Well, I encountered a very kind man (by the name of Mike Brady) who helped me out, got me back on the road, and even gave me a guided tour of the downtown area on our way to and from the gas station. Talk about a great experience!

Well, Mayor Lambert, that has been my experience since I moved in last month, and so far it's one that I hope those who are looking for a new home can learn from. I work at General RV Center, which is right down the road from my new house, and I am as happy as can be. This place truly has the small-town charm of the America that people across the USA once knew. I hope you appreciate the great people that make this city a great place to be!

Jim Salamay
(new resident on Riveroak Drive) □

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Letters to the Editor

Romulus Historical Society Gives Annual Update

To the Editor:

The Romulus Historical Society held its first meeting of the year on January 17 at the Romulus Historical Museum. Officers elected at that meeting were:

- Gerald Wendland, president
- Cathy Morse, vice-president
- Gloria Chandler, treasurer
- Genevieve Dugan, recording secretary
- Kenneth Krueger, corresponding secretary

The Historical Society will hold its next meeting at the Museum on Wednesday, February 21, at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Both the Society and the Museum need volunteers, especially to take on special projects. Contact Pearl Varner (734-697-9628) for details.

Work is continuing on the Peter C. Bird house. The Society seeks dona-

tions to help continue this very worthwhile project. Donors of \$500 or more will have their name added to a special commemorative plaque that will be on display. We have received two recent contributions for this plaque fund-raiser.

The Society would like to give special thanks to CPA Kathy Billings – a partner in the firm of Post, Smythe, Lutz & Ziel (Wayne, MI) – for helping us file our annual federal and state tax forms. This service is provided to us free of charge.

The Museum and historic Samuel R. Kingsley house are open to the public every Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free. We have archives containing a lot of interesting Romulus history. Come visit us.

Sincerely,

Pearl Varner, director
Romulus Historical Museum

Priebe May Be Quitter, But Romulus Residents Aren't

To the Editor:

When the citizens of Romulus found out that there was a leak in the deep injection well that was formerly operated by Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc., we heard it on the news and read about it in the papers.

At the Romulus City Council's next meeting, Councilman Bill Wadsworth brought up the fact that, when the well was first proposed, only three of the councilmen at that time (Wadsworth, current chairman Randy Gear, and the late Russell Lambert) voted against it. The four who voted "yes" were Noah "Pete" Bergeron, Fred "Junior" Block, Jimmie Raspberry, and the late Ellis Pennington. The mayor at that time was Beverly McAnally, who wanted the well because EDS promised to pay a royalty to the City. Even though Council approved the well, Mayor McAnally could have vetoed it, and then it would have taken at least one more "yes" vote to override her veto.

EDS had already decided where it wanted to put its well, and it just so happened to be on the property of then-Councilman Bergeron's father-in-law, who sold it to the group as soon as City Council voted to cooperate with EDS. That sounds like a little bit of conflict of

interest to me, so I think that Mr. Bergeron should have abstained from the vote. I am not saying that anything was illegal, but it did not sit well with a lot of people.

I have been to a number of well information meetings since then, and have yet to see Beverly McAnally or many City Council members there.

At State Senator Ray Basham's last Town Hall Meeting, which was held at Romulus High School, and which only a very few Romulus residents knew about, only current councilmen Harry Crout and Bill Crova attended, along with Mayor Alan Lambert. The meeting featured some heated exchanges, at times, but (as usual) nothing was accomplished.

At one point during the meeting, Taylor Mayor Cameron Priebe went to the podium and stated that, since the well is already in Romulus, the city's residents should learn to live with it and accept it. I say to Mayor Priebe: "You may be a quitter, but the residents of Romulus are not." We have spent millions of dollars to fight this well, and we aren't going to stop now.

I hope that, if we have other meetings, Mayor Priebe will have enough respect for Romulus residents to stay in Taylor and not attend them if he has that kind of attitude. And if my fellow residents see Mayor Priebe in our city in the future, I hope they will let him know how they feel about his statements.

I am quite sure that, if the well was intended for his city and he approved it, the citizens of Taylor would recall him.

John Clark
Romulus □

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Letter to the Editor

RHS Reunion Organizers Thanked

To the Editor:

I would like to congratulate Romulus High School's Class of 1956, which held its 50-year reunion on September 23, 2006. Approximately 275 RHS alumni attended the event, which was open to all classmates from the 1950s.

A good time was had by all.

A lot of hard work goes into a reunion like this, and I know that many people were involved, but a special "thank you" goes to Hester Mostoller, Bob Nieman, and Mitch Zerona.

Joanne Whaley
RHS Class of 1953

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Editor's note: We apologize to Ms. Whaley for printing her letter in such a tardy manner, but we wanted to hold it until we could obtain (and identify the persons in) the photos you see here.



This photo, taken in 1951, shows '50s reunion co-organizer Hester Buckberry (right) and fellow RHS Class of 1956 members (from left) Mary Ann Carothers, Karen Zarski, Betty Clark, and Teresa Ciccik (who is now deceased).



Three of the five friends pictured above – Betty Clark McLeod (left), Hester Buckberry Mostoller (center), and Mary Ann Carothers Merriman (right) – enjoyed talking over old times with former classmates Leota Martin McCraight (second from left) and Ruth Canning Swan (second from right) at their 50-year reunion.

Board OKs RHS Curriculum Changes

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The District's current social studies requirement of three credits will remain the same, with a recommended course sequence of World History/Geography in the ninth grade, US History/Geography in the tenth grade, and Civics and Economics – a half-credit each – in the eleventh grade.

Additional requirements will include one credit in the arts (performing, visual, or applied), a credit in health/physical education, and an online course to be developed by the Michigan Department of Education.

RHS Counseling Department head Florence Satterlee told the Board that, to help students prepare for their future careers, they will be given the opportunity to study six possible career path-

ways as eighth-graders, and make adjustments in their course plans as they advance through high school.

She also noted that current third-graders – the Class of 2016 – will have to complete two foreign-language credits at the high-school level or the equivalent in grades K-12, as determined by the Michigan Department of Education.

Since the new required classes will amount to 16.5 credits for the Class of 2011 and 18.5 for the class of 2016, Superintendent Weiss explained that the District's administrators are exploring the possibility of implementing a trimester program.

"Such a program would give RHS students an opportunity to take more electives through their high-school career," he concluded. □

Community Calendar

- **Pet Inoculations, Health Screenings, Nail Trimming, & Portraits** – Pet owners are encouraged to bring their dog(s) and/or cat(s) down to the City of Romulus Department of Public Works building (12600 Wayne Road, just north of Eureka) between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 24, to take advantage of a variety of economical services, including license registration, microchip insertion, inoculations, health screenings, nail trimming, and professional kids & critter portraits. Proceeds from all rabies shots and nail services will be donated to the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter Fund. For more information, call the Romulus Animal Shelter (734-942-7571) or pick up a flyer at the DPW.
- **Free Tax Service for Seniors, Others** – From 12:30 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday through April 11, the Romulus Senior Center will be offering free tax-preparation services – *by appointment only* – to Romulus senior citizens (age 60 and older) as well as disabled and low-income individuals. A list of the various materials which must be brought to the appointment will be provided at the time of registration. For more information, or to make an appointment, please stop in at the Center, located at 36525 Bibbins, or call 734-955-4120.
- **Senior Center Offers Trips** – The Romulus Senior Center invites local senior citizens to sign up for one or more of the following bus tours: **Isle of Capri Casino** (February 28–March 2; \$229), **Myrtle Beach, South Carolina** (March 3–10; \$699), **Windsor Raceway** (March 6; \$10), and **Springtime in Connecticut** (March 26–31; \$771). For more information, please call 734-955-4120.
- **First Baptist Church Celebrates 80th Anniversary** – The First Baptist Church of Romulus, which will reach its 80th anniversary on May 6, is celebrating the event with a series of special activities. Among those planned for the near future is a Plowshares Theatre Company performance of "Dark Cowgirls and Prairie Queens" (written by Linda Parris Baily), set for 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, at the Church (11412 Delano at Rosewood, west of Wayne Road, between Goddard and Grant). The program celebrates historical figures such as The Yellow Rose of Texas and Big Matilda – African-American women who helped to build the West. Admission is by donation. For more information, call 734-941-0225.
- **Church Offers African-American History Month Programs** – The Lutheran Church of Our Savior (29425 Annapolis, corner of Middlebelt, Westland) is inviting the public to attend the remainder of its African-American History Month series: "Educating Youth Through Mentoring." The programs, to be held Thursdays at 7 p.m., will include presentations by Academy of Westland principal Christopher Lindsey (February 15), and Winship Elementary School principal Kay Williams-Hales (February 22). For more information, call 734-728-3440.
- **"Second Monday" Book Club** – Meetings of the Romulus Public Library's Second Monday Book Club – open to everyone 18 and older – are held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road, south of Goddard) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Advance registration is not required; just read the suggested book, then drop in. Copies of the suggested books will be available at the library, or library staff members can assist you in getting an interlibrary loan. Books planned for upcoming discussions include **Divided Minds: Twin Sisters and Their Journey Through Schizophrenia** by Pamela Spiro Wagner and Carolyn S. Spiro, M.D. (February 12) and **Light in August** by William Faulkner (March 12). For more information, call 734-942-7589 during the library's regular business hours: Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday from 12 to 5 p.m.
- **Preschool Story Time** – Children three to five years old are invited to take part in the Romulus Public Library's next Preschool Storytime session, which will feature age-appropriate stories and crafts. Parents may choose between morning (10:30 a.m. Wednesdays from February 21 through March 28) and evening (6:30 p.m. Tuesdays from February 20 through March 27) sessions. Although the program is free, space is limited. For more information, or to register, call 734-942-7589 during the library's regular business hours: Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday from 12 to 5 p.m.

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The Police Blotter

Thanks to Sergeant Michael Smith for submitting the following summary of the Romulus Police Department's significant activity on Sunday, January 7, and from Sunday, January 14, through Sunday, January 28. (Editor's note: Activity for January 8-13 was not submitted.)

Information is presented in the following format: date, time, type of call, and general location.

Sunday, January 7

- 2:35 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 7200 Wayne)
- 9:01 a.m. – Larceny (block of 39100 Commons Dr.)
- 1:41 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 6760 Merriman)
- 4:02 p.m. – Larceny (block of 7150 Colbert)
- 4:03 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 28000 Van Born)

Sunday, January 14

- 12:16 a.m. – Property Damage/ Malicious Destruction of Property (PD/MDOP) (block of 33300 Sand Piper Dr.)
- 12:23 a.m. – Harassment Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 1:24 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 30600 Flynn Dr.)
- 11:39 a.m. – Threats (block of 15700 Merriman)
- 12:54 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 28600 Van Born)
- 2:29 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 2:43 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 6150 Inkster)
- 3:02 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 39100 Buckingham Dr.)
- 3:05 p.m. – Juvenile Complaint/ Runaway (JC/R) (block of 5930 Colorado)
- 5:00 p.m. – Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile (UDAA) (block of 6000 E. Maple)
- 5:22 p.m. – Fight (block of 34800 Michele)

Monday, January 15

- 12:29 a.m. – Larceny (block of 29200 Ecorse)
- 8:45 a.m. – Well-being Check (block of 36500 Bibbins)
- 9:56 a.m. – Larceny (block of 9290 Washington)
- 10:41 a.m. – Threats (block of 30300 Flynn Dr.)
- 11:44 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 35400 Hawthorne Dr.)
- 12:26 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 9340 Wayne)
- 12:33 p.m. – Larceny (Holland – no address provided)
- 6:06 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 5900 Chamberlain)

- 7:28 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 7020 Niagara)
- 8:44 p.m. – Missing Person (block of 6380 Cogswell)
- 10:44 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 6710 Merriman)

Tuesday, January 16

- 10:38 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 16200 Middlebelt)
- 11:32 a.m. – JC/R (block of 5940 Metro)
- 1:18 p.m. – Threats (block of 6610 Laramie)
- 1:21 p.m. – Fight (block of 37300 Wick)
- 1:31 p.m. – Bad Check (block of 9300 Wayne)
- 2:00 p.m. – Miscellaneous Duties (block of 12600 Wayne)
- 9:07 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 9600 Middlebelt)

Wednesday, January 17

- 4:03 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 7080 Niagara)
- 8:27 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6100 Colorado)
- 8:45 a.m. – Larceny (block of 28800 Highland)
- 11:06 a.m. – UDAA (block of 30500 Flynn Dr.)
- 4:04 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 28700 Burning Tree Plc.)
- 4:34 p.m. – UDAA (block of 8350 Wahrman)
- 7:04 p.m. – Assault & Battery (out of jurisdiction)
- 8:53 p.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 9:45 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 11300 Whitehorn)

Thursday, January 18

- 2:57 a.m. – Operating Under the Influence of Liquor (OUIL) (block of 32600 Gateway Dr.)
- 7:33 a.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 8820 Cogswell)
- 9:12 a.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 15700 Taft)
- 9:23 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 16200 Eastwind)
- 10:51 a.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 8000 Merriman)
- 11:12 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 34500 Beverly)
- 1:18 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 9600 Middlebelt)
- 1:48 p.m. – Fight (block of 11200 Metro Airport Center Dr.)
- 2:01 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 35600 Margaret)
- 6:01 p.m. – K-9 Assistance (block of 40800 E. I-94)
- 6:05 p.m. – Missing Person (block of 6060 Chamberlain)

- 8:42 p.m. – Missing Person (block of 28700 Northline)
- 10:26 p.m. – Fight (block of 35600 Mary)

Friday, January 19

- 2:07 a.m. – UDAA (block of 5850 Second)
- 6:07 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 6430 Washington)
- 8:58 a.m. – Missing Person (block of 10400 Ozga)
- 9:14 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 6070 Second)
- 9:22 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 28600 Sedgeway Dr.)
- 11:34 a.m. – Mutual Aid Response (block of 17000 Middlebelt)
- 2:05 p.m. – Larceny (block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 2:11 p.m. – Fight (block of 9770 Wayne)
- 3:12 p.m. – Bad Check (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 4:31 p.m. – Larceny (block of 8900 Inkster)
- 4:44 p.m. – Assault & Battery (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 5:40 p.m. – Threats (block of 9950 Wayne)
- 6:24 p.m. – JC/R (block of 9510 Washington)
- 7:10 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 31500 Wick)
- 7:19 p.m. – JC/R (block of 38900 Rodeo)

Saturday, January 20

- 3:37 a.m. – Man with a Weapon (block of 39400 Ecorse)
- 7:58 a.m. – Missing Person (block of 28700 Northline)
- 10:40 a.m. – OUIL (block of 9200 Wayne)
- 3:49 p.m. – Larceny (block of 6850 Middlebelt)
- 7:14 p.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 9:22 p.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 10:06 p.m. – Assault & Battery (block of 34600 Julie)
- 10:18 p.m. – UDAA (block of 30900 Ecorse)
- 10:54 p.m. – Threats (block of 35600 Mary)

Sunday, January 21

- 12:15 a.m. – OUIL (block of 9200 Middlebelt)
- 8:39 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 16400 Middlebelt)
- 10:08 a.m. – Hunting Complaint (block of 5980 Metro)
- 5:16 p.m. – Shots Fired (block of 33500 Ecorse)
- 6:22 p.m. – Larceny (block of 29000 Airport Dr.)

- 10:20 p.m. – UDAA (block of 16200 Wildfox)

Monday, January 22

- 1:40 a.m. – JC/R (block of 7890 Surrey Dr.)
- 2:04 a.m. – OUIL (block of 30400 Eureka)
- 1:50 p.m. – Threats (block of 38200 Barth)
- 1:58 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 35600 Mary)
- 3:11 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 3:12 p.m. – UDAA (block of 30300 Flynn Dr.)
- 3:45 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 16000 Hollywood)
- 3:58 p.m. – K-9 Assistance (block of 11100 Wayne)
- 11:54 p.m. – Threats (block of 30300 Flynn Dr.)

Tuesday, January 23

- 9:01 a.m. – Assault & Battery (block of 16200 Harrison)
- 10:00 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 28300 Goddard)
- 11:11 a.m. – Missing Person (block of 15700 Springhill)
- 11:13 a.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 29900 Beverly)
- 1:19 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 1:41 p.m. – Hunting Complaint (block of 7600 Merriman)
- 2:03 p.m. – Larceny (block of 7600 Merriman)
- 4:14 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 15500 Harrison)
- 4:33 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 33400 Wick)
- 6:05 p.m. – Bad Check (reported at RPD headquarters)

Wednesday, January 24

- 12:24 a.m. – OUIL (block of 13000 Inkster)
- 7:48 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 34200 McBride)
- 8:04 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 34200 McBride)
- 3:42 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 11000 Sterling)
- 3:48 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 5:21 p.m. – Assault & Battery (block of 15600 Harriet)

Thursday, January 25

- 4:11 a.m. – Threats (block of 38100 Ecorse)
- 10:35 a.m. – Larceny (block of 8740 Inkster)
- 11:27 a.m. – Fight (block of 36400 Wick)
- 11:37 a.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 35500 Stephanie)

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Try Some Valentine's Day Indulgences That Won't Jeopardize Your Waistline

Chocolate truffles, sugar cookies and candy hearts – all are part of the Valentine's Day allure. These sweet treats would appear to be off-limits to individuals trying to watch their weight. But, depriving yourself leads to the obvious question: What fun is a holiday if its simplest traditions can't be enjoyed?

This year, the truth shall set you free because even the most decadent treats can be worked into a healthy weight-loss plan. The key to enjoying all the culinary splendor of Valentine's Day is to remain flexible. Adaptable eating habits play a major role in alleviating food-related guilt and staying focused on your goals.

FlexPoints from Weight Watchers provides the much-needed leeway for enjoying the holidays. In addition, by planning in advance for your Valentine's Day festivities, you can prepare for a more indulgent celebration. Weight Watchers understands that life is unpredictable, and recommends preparing healthy alternatives of your most sinful favorites. You can share rich and flavorful, lower-calorie versions of Valentine's Day treats that are normally beyond your reach. Try the following three recipes – the first two from *Weight Watchers Greatest Hits: 250 Classic Recipes from the Sixties to Today*, and the last from *Best of Weight Watchers Magazine: Over 145 Tasty Favorites*

Chocolate Fondue

(makes 6 servings)

1/3 cup whole milk
1/2 cup evaporated fat-free milk
3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
6 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped
1 cup sugar
1/4 cup water
2 tablespoons light corn syrup
4 ounces angel food cake, cut into 1-inch cubes (about 5 cups)
12 strawberries, stemmed

1. Whisk together the whole milk, evaporated milk, and cocoa powder in a medium saucepan until the cocoa dissolves. Add the chocolate and cook over medium-low heat, stirring constantly, until the chocolate is melted and the mixture is smooth.

2. Stir in the sugar, water, and corn syrup. Cook, stirring constantly, until the mixture is smooth, 4-6 minutes. Transfer to a fondue pot and set over moderate heat. Serve at once, with the angel food cake cubes and the strawberries for dipping.

POINTS@value per serving: 8 (generous 1/3 cup fondue with 3/4 cup cake and 2 strawberries): 396 Cal, 11 g Fat, 6 g Sat Fat, 3 mg Chol, 187 mg Sod, 79 g Carb, 6 g Fib, 7 g Prot, 107 mg Calc. Recipe adapted from *Weight Watchers Greatest Hits: 250 Classic Recipes from the Sixties to Today* (© 2002 Weight Watchers International, Inc.)

Fudgy Brownie Pudding Cake

(makes 9 servings)

3/4 cup all-purpose flour
3/4 cup sugar
1/3 cup + 4 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
1 teaspoon instant espresso powder
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup low-fat (1%) milk
1 tablespoon unsalted butter, melted
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1/3 cup packed light brown sugar
1 2/3 cups boiling water

1. Place oven rack in the center of the oven; preheat to 350°F. Spray a 9-inch baking pan with nonstick spray.

2. Stir together the flour, sugar, 1/3 cup of the cocoa, the espresso powder, baking powder, baking soda, and salt in a large bowl. Make a well in the center, and pour in the milk, butter and vanilla. Stir together until just blended and spoon evenly into the pan, spreading level.

3. Stir together the brown sugar and remaining 4 tablespoons cocoa in a small bowl. Sprinkle evenly over batter. Gently pour the boiling water over the top; do not stir. Bake until the top of the pudding is set, 35 minutes. Cool in the pan on a rack for at least 30 minutes. Serve warm or at room temperature.

POINTS value per serving: 3 (1/9 of cake): 165 Cal, 2 g Fat, 1 g Sat Fat, 4 mg Chol, 220 mg Sod, 37 g Carb, 2 g Fib, 3 g Prot, 94 mg Calc. Recipe adapted from *Weight Watchers Greatest Hits: 250 Classic Recipes from the Sixties to Today*. (© 2002 Weight Watchers International, Inc.)

Chocolate Crispy Bars

(makes 24 servings)

2 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 ounce unsweetened chocolate, finely chopped
1 (7-ounce) jar marshmallow cream
2 tablespoons unsweetened Dutch-process cocoa powder
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
6 cups crisped rice cereal

1. Spray a 9x13-inch baking pan with nonstick spray.

2. Melt the butter and chocolate in a large saucepan over low heat. Add the marshmallow cream, cocoa and vanilla; stir until smooth. Remove from heat and add the cereal, stirring until well coated.

3. Spread the mixture into the prepared pan. Spray your hands with nonstick spray and press the batter down evenly. Let cool 10 minutes, then cut into 24 squares.

POINTS value per serving: 1 (1 square): 69 Cal, 2 g Fat, 1 g Sat Fat, 3 mg Chol, 77 mg Sod, 13 g Carb, 1 g Fib, 1 g Prot, 3 mg Calc. Recipe adapted from *Best of Weight Watchers Magazine: Over 145 Tasty Favorites*. (© 2002 Weight Watchers International, Inc.)

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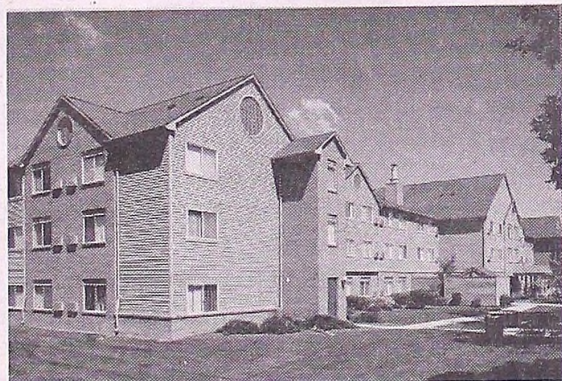
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Origins and Symbols of the Day of Love

Ever wonder how Valentine's Day originated and how certain symbols became synonymous with this day of love and romance? According to scholars, the origins of Valentine's Day are shrouded in mystery, but there are a few theories that help explain how this celebration came to be.

Valentine's Day Origins

One theory surrounds the Roman Feast of Lupercalia, held on February 15, and an ancient pagan fertility celebration which was held on February 14. The celebration honored Juno, queen of the Roman gods and the goddess of women and marriage. During Roman times, the lives of young boys and girls were strictly separate. However, one of their customs was name drawing. On the eve of the festival of Lupercalia, the names of Roman girls were written on slips of paper and placed into jars. Each young man would draw a girl's name from the jar and would then be partners with the girl he chose for the duration of the festival. Sometimes, the pairing of the children lasted an entire year, and often they would fall in love and marry.

Another theory is that during the Middle Ages, it was commonly believed in France and England that February 14 was the beginning of mating season for birds, which supported the idea of having a day for romance in mid-February.

St. Valentine Controversy

According to Howstuffworks.com, an online informational resource, there's also some controversy regarding St. Valentine, for whom the famous day is named. Archaeologists who unearthed a Roman catacomb and an ancient church dedicated to St. Valentine are not sure if there was one Valentine or more. Today, the Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred on February 14.

The most popular candidate for St. Valentine was a third-century Roman priest who practiced Christianity and performed secret marriages against direct orders from Emperor Claudius II, who outlawed marriage for young men because he believed single soldiers were more likely to join his army than those with wives and children. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. According to legend, Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting. Before his execution on February 14 in 270 AD, it is alleged that he wrote a young girl (who visited him during his confinement and who may have been his jailer's daughter) a letter, which he signed "From your Valentine" — an expression that is still used on cards today.

Early Christians were happier with the idea of a holiday honoring the saint of romantic causes than with one recognizing a pagan festival. In 496 AD, Pope

Gelasius named February 14 in honor of St. Valentine as the patron saint of lovers. In 1969, Pope Paul VI dropped it from the calendar. However, the blend of Roman festival and Christian martyrdom had caught on, and Valentine's Day was here to stay. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is unclear, the stories certainly emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic, and — most important — romantic figure.

Valentine's Day Symbols

Connected with Valentine's Day are certain symbols that reflect the meaning of love and romance. Here is a listing of some of those symbols and a brief synopsis of how each one originated:

- **Hearts:** In ancient times, the heart was thought to be the source of all emotions. It later came to be associated most directly with the emotion of love. It's not clear when the heart shape became the symbol for the heart organ. Some scholars speculate that the heart symbol, as we use it to signify romance or love, came from people's early attempts to draw an organ they'd never seen.
- **Red Roses:** These flowers were said to be the favorite of Venus, the Roman goddess of love. Also, red is a color that signifies strong feelings.
- **Lace:** This material has long been used to make women's handkerchiefs. Hundreds of years ago, if a woman dropped her handkerchief, a man might pick it up for her. Sometimes, if she had her eye on the right man, a woman might intentionally drop her handkerchief to encourage him. Eventually, people began to think of romance when they thought of lace.
- **Love Knots:** These symbols of everlasting love have a series of winding and interlacing loops with no beginning and no end. They were made from ribbon or drawn on paper.
- **Lovebirds:** Found in Africa, these colorful birds are so named because they sit closely together in pairs, like sweethearts do. Doves are symbols of loyalty and love because they mate for life and share in the care of their babies.
- **Cupid:** The mischievous son of Venus, the Roman goddess of love, Cupid is supposedly responsible for people falling in love. According to myths, anyone being hit by Cupid's arrow falls in love with the first person he or she sees. In Greek mythology, Cupid has Eros, the son of Aphrodite, as his counterpart. Today, the names of both of these gods are used synonymously with the concept of romantic love. □



Romulus Students Honored for Superior Academics

Congratulations to the following students, whose hard work and dedication earned them a spot on the honor roll for the second marking period of the 2006-2007 school year.

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Rabia Sheikh.

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Fourth Grade – Mrs. Misiak

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Third Grade – Mrs. Small

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Fourth Grade – Mrs. Alguire

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Fifth Grade – Mr. Gibb-Randall

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Fifth-Sixth Grades – Mrs. Redmond

Louise Hood and Simone Singal.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Richard

Jill Camilleri.

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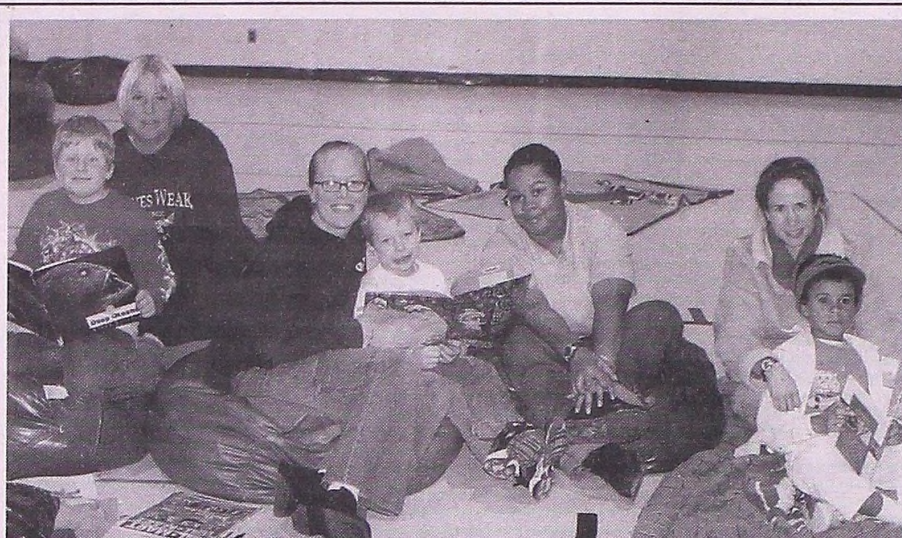


(Back, from left) Reverend Arthur Willis, Mayor Alan R. Lambert, and Romulus Middle School assistant principal Rhonda Henry were pleased to award certificates to RMS students who wrote prize-winning anti-drug essays for the annual Romulus Mayor's Drug Task Force competition. The winners - who were treated to lunch at Romulus High School's Eagles Nest restaurant with Mayor Lambert and Reverend Willis - included: (from left) front - Misha Hudson, Averiana Richey, Daria Jackson, Domonique Johnson, Natasha White, Arthur Carswell, and Morian Brown; middle - Symone Martin, Chanice Moore, Blake Rupersburg, Darrin Crossley, Keli Boyd, Sherrod Mack, Shavontae Melchor, and Joshlyn Booth; back - Nicole Wilson, Breana West, Eric Wands, Daniel Story, Shaquille Tipton, Jerry McCray, Justice Givhan, Rachel Stanley, Breanna Kelly, and Nathan Wilkerson.



Among those who joined Lambert and Willis (front, second from right and right) at the Eagles Nest to honor Romulus High School's anti-drug essay winners were: (from left) front - Markeita Hudson, Thomas Kortas, Starnesha White, Jennifer Logan, Brianna Walker, and Christopher Stevens; middle - Karen Isaacson (language-arts teacher, RHS), Lindsey Hines, Cicily Smith, Gerald Horton, Jessica Dick, Jacob Pryor, and Jeff Makowski; back - Mark Woodson (Athletic Director, Romulus Community Schools), Bianca Cooper, Joshua Price, Ashley Borkins, Akeem Burkes, Dominick Wilson, Justin Little, Marquis Williams, Doug Hoffman (assistant principal, RHS), and Teamera Adam.

Wick Reading Night



At Wick Elementary's recent Family Reading Night, participants like (from left) Lukas Toler, Mary Binkiewicz, Heather Penny, Lucas Nash, Latoya Lee, Gwen Payne, and Jonah Payne got comfy on blankets and hassocks in the school gym, and read to each other from a wide selection of books that were provided by the Romulus Public Library.



Reverend Pat Dixon (back, center) of the Second Baptist Church in Ann Arbor told an exciting version of *Mabel's Suitcase* to an avid Reading Night audience that included (from left) literacy coach Lisa Zeleji, Donald Button, Meshel Rodgers, and learning specialist Karensa Fitch.

The Police Blotter

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- 7:01 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 6950 Niagara)
- 10:55 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 9600 Middlebelt)
- 10:56 p.m. – Shots Fired (block of 35300 Beverly)
- 10:58 p.m. – Larceny (block of 9950 Wayne)

Friday, January 26

- 2:17 a.m. – Shots Fired (block of 6690 Laramie)
- 8:09 a.m. – UDAA (block of 6710 Brandt)
- 10:51 a.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 3:27 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6330 Dexter)
- 4:49 p.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 8800 Wickham)

- 6:16 p.m. – Larceny (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 10:54 p.m. – PD/MDOP (block of 6810 Niagara)
- 11:26 p.m. – Shots Fired (block of 35300 Beverly)

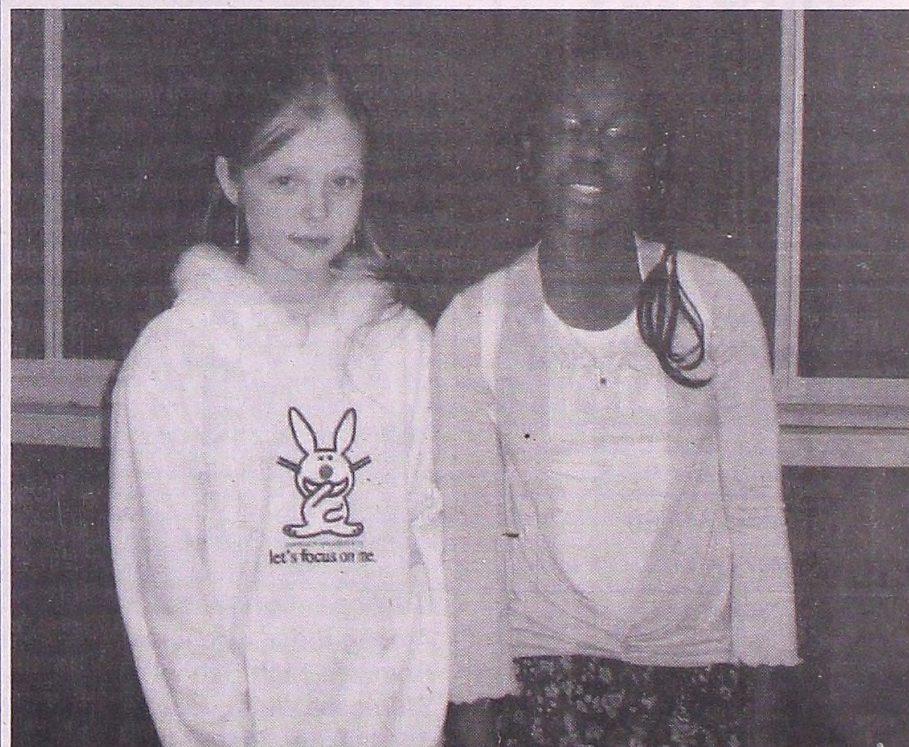
Saturday, January 27

- 1:50 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 31800 Wick)
- 2:29 a.m. – Shots Fired (block of 6320 Fourth)
- 2:49 a.m. – OUIL (block of 8600 Merriman)
- 11:21 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 36500 Goddard)
- 12:42 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 5910 E. Maple)
- 1:33 p.m. – Breaking & Entering (block of 29000 Whitby Dr.)
- 2:25 p.m. – Fight (block of 6330 Dexter)
- 2:40 p.m. – Trespassing (block of 33700 Henry Ruff)
- 3:34 p.m. – Larceny (block of 39000 Wabash)
- 4:23 p.m. – JC/R (block of 10600 Shook)

Sunday, January 28

- 7:44 a.m. – UDAA (block of 9990 Diane)
- 8:27 a.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 8910 Middlebelt)
- 12:09 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 38500 Beverly)
- 12:24 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 30100 Jamestown)
- 2:22 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 27400 Ecorse)
- 2:53 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 6:13 p.m. – Larceny (block of 8280 Wayne)

Woolford Wins Wick Spelling Bee



Wick Spelling Bee winner Tiffany Woolford and runner-up Brandie Taylor were proud of their performance in their five-round competition. Woolford will go on to an area-wide competition.

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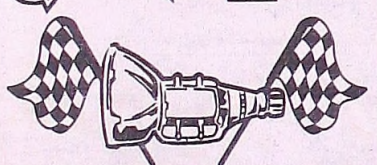
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Obituaries

Sarah Mae Braden

Sarah Mae Braden of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, January 6, 2007, at the age of 42.

The lifelong Romulus resident was born on Sunday, November 22, 1964.

Sarah was a social person who never "beat around the bush" and liked to help others. Her interests included listening to music and sewing.

Surviving Sarah are her husband, Ronald Chisvo; her mother, Frances (West) Braden; a nephew, William "Ziggy"; and a niece, Amanda.

Her father, Walter Braden, Jr., passed away in 2002.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, January 11, at David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville).

Melvin C. Eves, Sr.

Melvin C. Eves, Sr., of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, January 30, 2007, at the age of 73.

The Romulus native was born on Thursday, August 10, 1933.

Melvin was a US Army veteran who served during the Korean Conflict. A Metro Parks system employee who retired after 45 years of employment, he had also worked at Tub & Tumble for 18 years. Melvin enjoyed volunteering as a Jaycees "Santa" as well as relaxing and watching television.

Surviving Melvin are his wife, Alice H. (Peck) Eves; six sons, Franklin (Sue) Eves (Westland, MI), Melvin (Bobby) Eves (Belleville, MI), and Robert, Tony, Joe, and John Eves (all of Romulus); and 3 grandchildren, Nick and Nathan

Eves (Belleville) and Michael Eves (Las Vegas, NV).

Among those who preceded him in passing were his parents, Grover C. and Henrietta (German) Eves; 6 brothers, Kenneth "Ike," Paul, Derwood, Earl, David, and Frank Eves; and 3 sisters, Pearl Bower, Davida Eves, and Arabella Longan.

A funeral service was held on Friday, February 2, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Pastor Paul Engle (Romulus Freewill Baptist Church) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Memorial tributes to the American Diabetes Association or a dialysis program would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Betty J. Rzempala

Betty J. Rzempala of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Friday, February 2, 2007, at the age of 72.

The native of Charleston, West Virginia, was born on Saturday, April 28, 1934.

Betty, who held a bachelor of arts degree in business administration from Eastern Michigan University, retired from the Michigan Bell telephone company in 1977. A member of the Button and Iris clubs, she was interested in genealogy, and loved her country and family.

Surviving Betty are her daughter, Stacy Brugh (Romulus); her son, Alan W. (Lori) Hindman (Romulus); 5 sisters, Terry Coleman (Belleville, MI), Mary (Leonard) Angel (Gainesboro, TN),

Maxine Chave (Las Vegas, NV), Audrey Honeycutt (Anchorage, AK), and Neola Lawyer (Taylor, MI); and 5 grandchildren, David, Brandon, Bradley, Christopher, and Stephanie.

Among those who preceded her in passing were her parents, Max E. and Audrey O. (Schoolcraft) Tarry; her husband, Steve Rzempala; and a sister, Martha Wensko.

A funeral service was held at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Reverend Arthur Willis (Pentecostal Missionary Baptist Church, Romulus) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial tributes to the Friends of the New Romulus Animal Shelter Fund would be appreciated by the family.

Mother-Son Valentine Dance Planned

The Romulus Recreation Department's annual Mother-Son Valentine Dance will be held in the cafeteria at Romulus High School (9650 South Wayne Road) on Thursday, February 15, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

A cost of \$12 per couple, plus \$4

for each additional son, covers music and dancing, refreshments, a flower for Mom, and a picture.

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